## **Introduced by Assembly Member Garrick**

January 24, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to Centennial Ronald Reagan Day.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 9, as introduced, Garrick. Centennial Ronald Reagan Day. This resolution would declare February 6, 2011, as Centennial Ronald Reagan Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, February 6, 2011, is the centennial anniversary of
- 2 President Ronald Wilson Reagan's birth; and WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan, a man of humble background,
- worked throughout his life defending freedom and advancing the 4
- public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader,
- corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and President of 7 the United States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction
- for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; in favor of his second term he earned the confidence of three-fifths 10
- of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the 11
- general election—a record unsurpassed in the history of American 12
- 13 presidential elections; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan not only served nine years in the
- 15 Army, eight years as Governor of California, and eight years as

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President of the United States, but also had a significant impact and continued to serve in capacities beyond his official duties; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan fought tirelessly to overcome national prejudice, making himself an obvious and outspoken example of judging merit instead of race, gender, religion, or other affiliation; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and created 20 million new jobs for Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our Armed Forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, the nation's values, and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to meet 21st century challenges; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War, which victory, in turn, led to the reunification of Germany and the destruction of the Berlin Wall, and the free election of a president by the Soviet people who democratized the U.S.S.R.; and

WHEREAS, The Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission has been tasked with recommending appropriate means to allow Californians to celebrate the life and contributions of Ronald Reagan on the 100th anniversary of his birth without using public funds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Members take great pride in honoring Ronald Reagan for his many contributions to our country and state, and in celebrating his life; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes February 6, 2011, as Centennial Ronald Reagan Day; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.